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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Leslieville will be opened next Sabbath.

THE Royal Geographical Society held its anniversary meeting in the hall of the University of London on the 30th ult., when Lord Dufferin was elected President for the ensuing year.

THE famine in China is said to have caused the death of 5,000,000 people, and it continues with unabated severity. So great is the distress that acts of the most savage cannibalism have become quite common.

MR. STANLEY'S new book, descriptive of his explorations in Africa, is now ready in London, in two large volumes, with about 150 illustrations from photographs and sketches. We are now printing the book for the Canadian publisher, Mr. J. B. Magurn.

ONE of the brightest and best looking papers coming to our desk is the Manitoba "Free Press." It has been enlarged to fifty-six columns; and its typographical appearance is excellent. We wish the publishers continued and ever increasing prosperity.

ATTENTION is directed to the advertisement of Pennington's Stained Glass Works, Hamilton. We can cordially recommend the advertisers to contractors for churches, etc., with the full confidence that they will carry out all their engagements in a satisfactory manner.

THE Roman Catholics have purchased 7,000 acres of land in Mecklenburg County, Va., on which they propose to have an industrial farm for colonizing and educating the freedmen. They mean business in their deep laid schemes for converting the colored people of the South to Romanism.

THE American and English exhibitors at Paris are endeavoring to secure the best possible observance of the Sabbath in the sections allotted to them. Sales and orders are declined on the Lord's day, and the number of attendants is reduced to a minimum. The movement is said to be winning the approbation of continental exhibitors.

SLIGHT rioting has taken place at Marseilles in consequence of the recent attempt of the Ultramon-

tanians to get up a political demonstration by decorating the statue of the former bishop. The mob invaded the offices of the Legitimist newspapers and endeavored to overthrow the statue. The police dispersed the mob and arrested 126.

THE London Temperance Hospital recently celebrated its fifth anniversary with an enthusiastic meeting, addressed by Lord Aberdare, Cardinal Manning, Drs. Kerr, Edmonds, and Lee. The scientific soundness of the treatment of patients of all classes without the use of intoxicating liquor is sufficiently established by this institution. Dr. Kerr in his speech said emphatically that alcohol was the most dangerous remedy physicians used, and should be kept in the chest beside antimony, aconite, and arsenic.

ON the evening of Friday, the 21st ult., a number of the young people connected with the Bristol congregation, and others, met at the manse and presented Rev. Alexander McLaren, the pastor, with a well filled purse, and an address expressive of the esteem, affection, sympathy and gratitude of the donors, their appreciation of Mr. McLaren's labours among them during the last five years, their regret at parting with him, and their good wishes for his own and Mrs. McLaren's future welfare and prosperity. To this address Mr. McLaren made a suitable reply.

THE Pan-Anglican Synod assembled on the 2nd inst., at Lambeth Palace. Ninety bishops were present at the first meeting. Communion was partaken of in Lambeth Palace Chapel. The Archbishop of Canterbury afterwards presided over the Conference. He urged the question of maintaining the faith against infidelity. The principal subject of the thoughts of the delegates was the debate on the best mode of maintaining the union among the various Anglican churches, which followed. The Bishops of Pittsburg and Louisiana, and several English and Colonial bishops spoke.

THE St. Catharines "Journal" contains an amusing letter from a person calling himself J. R. Lavelle, minister, Universalist Church, Grimsby. It is a trenchant attack on the Rev. Dr. Cochrane for the manner in which the Home Mission Report speaks of Universalism in the Niagara District. He says that if the Rev. doctor had "a correct knowledge of Universalism he never would have manifested such a Satanic spirit in thus speaking of a body of Christian believers who, to say the least, are equal in Christian goodness and excellence to those of his own church." He has the effrontery to appeal to the Bible; and well knowing that Dr. Cochrane would take no notice of his letter, he says that if he does not reply to him through the public press "we shall be justified in believing that he is conscious the position of the Universalist is invulnerable."

FROM a sketch of the General Assembly in the Halifax "Presbyterian Witness" we take the following paragraph expressing opinions which we heartily endorse: "Dr. Reid, the very embodiment of good nature, and the custodian of a vast amount of ecclesiastical law, lore and precedent, sat, as clerk, on the Moderator's right. Near him sat Professor Mackeras, the recording clerk, a gentleman who does not speak often, but who when he speaks commands universal attention and respect. He is the "white-

headed boy" of the whole Assembly. All are his friends, and he has no enemy. He is a good church lawyer, and an effective speaker, aglow with common sense and good nature, unflinching in courtesy and patience. It is pleasing to state that his health which was seriously impaired in the winter is so far restored that he is able to discharge his onerous duties with the utmost efficiency."

THE Twelfth is upon us, and we wait with bated breath for the results. An attempt has been made to stop processions by legislative enactments. But legal opinion is against this. It is indeed doubtful if any legislature can put an end to processions. It would seem to strike a blow at the liberties of the people. At the same time, no good citizen would regret the accomplishment of such an object, when we remember the fearful riots which have distinguished the Twelfth in past years. We almost dread the occurrence of the Twelfth this year, as the subject of processions has been discussed in such a public manner and for such a length of time. It amounts to about the same thing as a wholesale invitation to riot. Meanwhile we trust that better counsels will prevail, and that the Twelfth will this year pass without riot or molestation. It is to be hoped that the Orange Societies will follow generally the noble example of those which have determined to observe the Twelfth this year in a peaceful manner by pic-nics and social meetings. It is comforting to know that strong measures are being taken to resist anything like riot.

THE following address was presented to the Rev. Dr. Kemp, by Miss Jennie Forin, on behalf of the pupils, on his leaving the College in Brantford to become Principal of the Ladies' College, Ottawa. The address was accompanied by a handsome silver water-pitcher, salver and goblet: "Rev. and Dear Sir,—We have learned with feelings of deep sorrow that you have tendered your resignation as the Principal of the Brantford Young Ladies' College. We cannot allow the session to close, and the auspicious exercises of this our Commencement Day to pass over, without adding increased joy to the festivities by expressing to you in some faint degree the universal admiration in which you are held by the young ladies of the College. Our intercourse with you has given us unalloyed satisfaction. As the Principal, you have successfully accomplished the duties of your responsible position, and by the simplest methods, and with the rarest facility, you have imparted to us the rich stores of your great learning, and through your patience, tact and ability, we have been thoroughly drilled in those great branches of education which it has been your province to teach, and in so far as we have met your expectation we stand to-day your joy and crown. You have always united with that strength and dignity of a mature Christian character which has been constantly rendered emphatic and inspiring to us in its clear exhibition of the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ, the fairness, urbanity and essential honor that so eminently distinguishes you as a gentleman. Our college life has been quite like home life. This excellency of the institution you have been stimulated to develop through the affection which reigns in your own family, while we have been large sharers in Mrs. Kemp's wealth of affection and maternal tenderness. Please receive our hearts' best wishes, and accept this slight testimonial from your grateful and devoted students."